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1. THERE IS AN ICEM REP IN CANBERRA WHO IS WORKING PART TIME WHILE CLOSING THE ICEM OFFICE HERE, SINCE AUSTRALIA HAS NOT BEEN MEMBER OF ICEM SINCE 1973. ICEM REP HAS NO LEGAL STATUS IN AUSTRALIA AND IS NOT ON ANY DIPLOMATIC LIST. HE SURFACED LAST WEEK WHEN HE PHONED THE EMBASSY. WE HAVE DISCUSSED NEARIN'S CASE WITH HIM, BUT HE DOES NOT THINK NEARIN HAS QUALIFICATIONS WHICH WOULD ENABLE ICEM TO PLACE HIM IN LATIN AMERICA.

2. EMBASSY WAS UNAWARE AT TIME REF B SENT THAT UN REP IN SYDNEY ALSO REPRESENTS UNHCR HERE. SUBSEQUENTLY, EMBASSY RAISED NEARIN CASE WITH UN REP WHEN DISCUSSING CASES OF VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATS (REF C). WE HAD ESSENTIALLY THE SAME RESPONSE AS WE HAD FROM ICEM REP. UN REP HAS NO CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT TO DO IN THESE CASES EXCEPT TO TRY TO SECURE THEM PERMANENTLY.

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NENT RESIDENCE IN AUSTRALIA. AT THIS POINT GOA IS PREPARED

TO GRANT ONLY TEMPORARY RESIDENCE TO END OF 1975.

3. AS INDICATED IN REFTELS ALL THREE OF THESE FORMER CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATS DO NOT WISH TO REMAIN IN AUSTRALIA AND WANT VERY MUCH TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES. EVEN IF ICEM OR UNHCR COULD ASSIST IN ADVANCING TRAVEL FUNDS OR PROVIDING TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO THEM WHILE IN AUSTRALIA, ONLY THE USG CAN ARRANGE TO ADMIT THEM INTO THE US. THIS IS THE CRUCIAL ISSUE, AND PAROLE APPEARS TO BE THE ONLY WAY TO DO THIS. AS IN THE CASE OF VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATS, NEARIN APPEARS TO BE A PERSON WHO COULD ADJUST RAPIDLY TO LIFE IN THE U.S. HE AND HIS FAMILY SPEAK ENGLISH AND HE IS READY AND WILLING TO WORK HARD TO PROVIDE FOR HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY. THESE FORMER DIPLOMATS DON'T EXPECT ANYTHING MORE THAN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN A NEW LIFE IN THE ONE COUNTRY WHERE THEY BELIEVE THEY WILL BE RECEIVED SYMPATHETICALLY.

4. IN THE CASE OF NEARIN, HE HAS APPROACHED THIS EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE AND WE HAVE PROVIDED IT IN MODEST AMOUNTS AS INSTRUCTED. NO OTHER EMBASSIES HERE ARE PREPARED TO DO THIS, AND LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES CANNOT PROVIDE THE REAL ASSISTANCE WHICH NEARIN WANTS WHICH IS ASSISTANCE IN RELOCATING TO THE UNITED STATES.

5. AT PRESENT TIME, EMBASSY HAS \$600 REMAINING FROM \$1000 DEPT. ALLOCATED TO SUPPORT NEARIN. THIS CAN GET US THROUGH THE NEXT TWO OR THREE WEEKS, BUT WHAT WE REALLY NEED IS SOME FIRM INDICATION THAT NEARIN AND HIS FAMILY WILL BE PAROLED INTO THE U.S.
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